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***Mississippi Trial, 1955***

**Focus Questions**

***Directions: Answer each question. You may discuss the answers with your table. Each question requires at least a two-sentence (complete sentences!) response and is worth three points.***

**Chapter 2**

1. Using evidence from the book, explain R.C. Rydell.

2. What role do the Remington brothers play in the story? Why do you think the author includes them?

**Chapter 3**

3. Using evidence from the book, explain how the death of Hiram’s grandmother impacts Hiram’s grandfather and father.

4. On page 35, Hiram’s dad, Harlan, tells him that he (Harlan) can’t live in Greenwood, because, “…there are some things you can’t understand that keep it from being a good place for us right now.” Hiram replies that he likes Greenwood, and that it’s good enough for him. Why doesn’t Hiram’s father think Greenwood is a good place for his family?

**Chapter 4**

5. Using evidence from the book, explain the relationship Hiram has with his father.

6. At the end of chapter four, when Hiram learns he is going back to visit his grandfather in Greenwood, Mississippi, his father says, “You think you won something big, don’t you? Well, you’re going to find out that I know some things you don’t. Greenwood’s not going to be what you expect, Hiram. You’re older now, you’ll see. And I’m sorry for what you’ll see.” What does he mean?

***Extra Credit (3 points):*** *If the book is about a murder in Greenwood, Mississippi, why does the author spend four chapters introducing Hiram and his family? Why doesn’t Chris Crowe just start the story the summer of the murder?*